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BILLINGS – Gene Terland will be installed as State Director for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and the Dakotas on November 13 by the agency's national director, Kathleen Clarke.

The public is invited to the short installation ceremony which will begin at 2:30 p.m. at BLM's Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Dr. in Billings. Members of the public planning to attend the installation need to have photo identification to enter the BLM State Office.

Terland is a Montana native and holds a degree in fish and wildlife management from Montana State University. Prior to his assignment in Montana, Terland had been BLM's Associate State Director in Utah since 2003. He began his BLM career in Oregon in 1974. Between then and now, he has also served in a variety of leadership roles in Idaho and Alaska.

Terland replaces Marty Ott, who retired last year.

In Montana and the Dakotas, BLM has responsibility for 8.3 million acres of public land and 47 million acres of subsurface mineral estate.

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